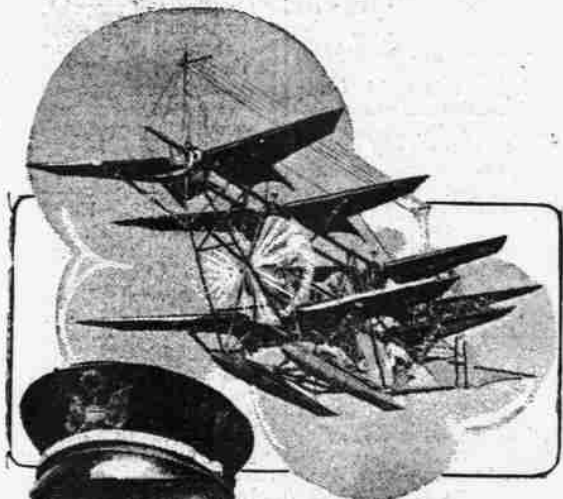


BUILDS FREIGHT AND PASSENGER AERO-YACHT FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC TRIP



Capt. Matthew A. Batson, the inventor and builder of the Batson aero yacht, a model of which is shown above.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 19.—This city, which built the first trans-Atlantic steamboat and sent it on its maiden voyage to Liverpool in 1819, may soon crown its sea honors with a parallel feat in aerial navigation.

Capt. Matthew A. Batson, U. S. A., retired, prophesies that another year will see the initial voyage of his new multiplane "air-yacht" from Savannah to Liverpool.

So sure is the inventor of the success of his venture that he has incorporated a company for the manufacture and operation of his vessel for the purpose of carrying passengers, mail and freight between domestic and interoceanic ports.

The models of his strange craft have flown successfully, and the first complete air-yacht, theoretically capable of carrying ten passengers, two aeronauts, two days' fuel and two tons of freight at a speed of 100 miles an hour, is almost ready for its initial trial.

The inventor will try it out first on water, along the reaches of the Wilmington river; then will come the test of air flights. If the vessel answers its expectations, a few weeks